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## PROSPECTS FOR WATER GOOD

### No Doubt Independent Irriga- tion District Will Be Consummated.

Ontario has been very much in the lime light this week, the hotel corridor and streets indicating something was going on every minute.

The city was full of notables and conferences were held from morning until midnight. When the smoke of battle cleared and the situation could be sized up it developed that great headway had been made in getting the representatives of the High Line irrigation project and the affected land owners together.

Colonel C. E. S. Wood and Wm. McKinzie represented the road grants land and the local committee looked after the interests of the smaller holders. The Trowbridge-Niver Company was represented by Mr. Speer and his engineers.

Mr. Speer was prepared with full data, maps, plans and drawings showing their plans in detail, the land having been surveyed and the topography of the district mapped out for the inspection of those interested. All the detail of elevations, reservoirs, dams, flumes, head gates, canals, laterals, in fact everything connected with the system except the drainage and it was explained that the draftsmen were busy working out that feature of the system.

The capacity of the main reservoir is to be 400,000 acre feet and so constructed that it can be increased to 600,000 acre feet, this to be located on the Owyhee at a point near the Duncan ferry. The impounding dam is 800 feet wide, rock filled, with an earth face, paved with rock or concrete.

The diversion dam to be located at the lower end of the "hole in the ground." Height of dam 180 feet, with possibility of twenty foot raise. The dam to be 600 feet wide at the base and 350 at the apex, to be rock filled, with concrete face on water side.

The rock canal from the diversion dam will be fifteen miles long, mostly through solid rock, but concrete will be used in all open formation. The main canal in the canyon will have a carrying capacity of 1600 second feet. All head gates to be

of concrete and all flumes of steel construction.

Main contour canal to be at elevation of 2450 feet at point opposite Malheur butte.

The Owyhee river watershed covers ninety thousand square miles and the average flow of the stream is sufficient to water 350,000 acres, about double the acreage covered by the system. There has been an expense of \$100,000 and the work is just being got in shape.

It was also shown that the plant could be completed in time for the season of 1911, if the company was assured in some tangible form that a majority of the land owners were favorable to the proposition.

It was also brought out that Mr. Speer favors the water users, saving an engineer, and he, the state engineer and the company engineer to work together for the best interests of all.

Colonel Wood and Mr. McKinzie went into the subject as a shrewd attorney and successful business man, and several minor matters were altered to the satisfaction of all. The impression gained from these men was that their opposition to the plan had been overcome and at an early date the contracts would be signed up.

From the sentiments expressed by the interested people Mr. Speer feels confident there will be no further hitch and that contracts will be signed up and work started in the near future. Much stress is laid on the necessity of immediate action as it means water in 1911, while a delay of a few months will mean no water until the season of 1912. This saving of a year's time to the people means many dollars in their pockets and a realization of this has stirred up all interested.

The committee appointed to negotiate with the Trowbridge-Niver people are ready to report to the land owners and will be pleased to have them call at the Commercial club room at once.

A meeting was held in Nyssa on Thursday and much enthusiasm manifested. The people are signing up and boosting the project along.

the north side of the building will be used for that purpose. "Corty" invites all to call and see him, and he guarantees a pleasant visit for those who are hungry and those who are dry.

### Church Services

Topics for the sermons at the United Presbyterian Hall next Sabbath will be, morning, "The Entrance of Thy Word Giveth Light," evening, "Salvation, and How to Obtain It." A cordial invitation extended to all not worshipping elsewhere.

Congregational preaching services 11:30 and 7:30. Christian Endeavor 7 p. m. Junior Endeavor 3 p. m. Piano recital at the church Monday evening Nov. 15th. Admission 25 cts. Social at the church Thanksgiving evening. All invited. Bake sale opposite the P. O. Saturday.

### Local News.

See the new advertisement of the Cash Racket store announcing a picture sale. Fourth page.

Pillow tops, cords and embroidery silks at Rader Bros. & Lampkin.

Health is too precious to be tampered with by incompetent vendors of drugs. Try the Wilson Duffy Drug Co., for clean drugs, and expert service.

The pool and billiard tables at the Pastime are always in good condition. We carry a line of first class candies, imported and domestic cigars and tobaccos. Come in and see us.

Williams & Boyer, proprietors of the Electric Maze, desire to inform the public that in the future a change of program nightly will be given at their popular little theatre.

Blue Prints of any Township in the Burns Land District, showing names of entrymen, kinds of entry, dates, etc., and topography. Price \$1.00. J. C. Turney, Burns, Oregon.

For Sale—15 tons of hay and 15 tons of straw and pasture of 100 acres; will lease pasture up to March 1; dwelling to live in for renter; four miles west of Ontario. Address Felix Barkley, Ontario, Or.

It is said that a woman over at Payette was kicked on the shin by a mule, causing her to bite off the end of her tongue, and her husband, several times since, has refused \$1,000 for the mule.

W. W. Hinton, of Ontario, stock inspector for Malheur county, was in the city Wednesday to inspect a number of sheep that were to be taken from this county to that county to be wintered.—Weiser Signal.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Z. Clark, parents of J. S. Clark, our popular auto man, arrived from Guthrie, Oklahoma, last week to make Ontario their home. They are delighted with this section and the wonderful climate.

The Falk's Store bridge, crossing the Payette river, collapsed under a band of sheep which were being driven across it last week, and about fifty sheep were drowned. The sheep belonged to Vanduzen, the Payette sheep man.

We wish to call your attention to the advertising columns of the Argus. They are edited by our live, progressive business and professional men, and contain messages which tell how to make the dollar bring you the best returns.

A special car with 16 Chicago capitalists, who are interested in the Brogan railroad and irrigation project, went over to Willow Creek the first of the week. Work has commenced on the railroad grade and it is promised that the ties and rails will follow right along.

One of Ontario's business men went to Boise the other day and went into a restaurant to get something to eat. Thinking he would enjoy a delicacy not to be had in Ontario, he asked the waitress who came to serve him if she had frog legs. He was rather astonished when she replied: "No, the reason I walk so is that I have rheumatism."

Charles McDonald has purchased a five acre tract, with improvements, four miles from Boise, on the Interurban road, and intends to move to his new home soon as he can arrange to leave Ontario. He says Ontario is all right, but a farmer's life is the life for him, and he will just watch the rutabagas grow.

### Local News.

Wilson-Duffy Drug Co. All kinds of drugs.

Mrs. F. B. Ball has returned from a trip to Baker City.

Mrs. F. Rhymer, of Weiser, arrived the first of the week on a visit to her husband, Professor Rhymer.

A delegation of K. of P.'s from Vale visited Armor lodge and assisted in degree work Monday evening.

A. R. White and Roy Kelley, substantial ranchers of Dead Ox Flat, were pleasant callers at the Argus office this week.

J. K. Wyatt and E. E. Baker, of Greeley, Colo., were in Ontario this week looking over the different irrigation projects.

Any physician that knows the Wilson-Duffy Drug Co., will not hesitate to trust his patient's medicine to us for preparation.

A. J. Quackenbush was over from Long Valley, Idaho, during the week. He recently purchased 200 acres of land in that section.

Mrs. Sarah McCarthy, mother of Mrs. John Landingham, Mrs. Ward Canfield and Geo. Clark, arrived last week from Stewart, Neb., on a visit.

David P. Donovan has moved into the Adams home, lately occupied by Mr. Sprout. Mr. Donovan has bought a farm here and will make this his home.

Hon. Fred J. Kiesel, of Ogden, Utah, is in the valley looking after his business and property interests. Mr. Kiesel has entirely recovered from his recent illness.

Col. C. E. S. Wood and Wm. McKinzie, representing the road grants land, were in Ontario several days this week assisting in the organization of an irrigation district in this section.

George Clark, who has been running a ferry here for the past ten years, has moved his family to their new home near Star. Mr. Clark has the best wishes of a host of Ontario friends.

Cherry Circle No. 304, Women of Woodcraft, will give a dance in the Ontario Opera House on Thanksgiving night. Stoner's orchestra of four pieces will furnish the music. Grand march at 9 p. m.

Joe Robertson, of the Owyhee, a pioneer of Malheur county, died last week of typhoid fever. He was universally respected by a large circle of acquaintances. He leaves a wife and five children, to whom the sympathy of all is extended.

The Tillicum club met at the home of Mrs. A. B. Cox on Friday. The regular club business was first disposed of, then followed a discussion on parliamentary law. A short time was devoted to fancy work, after which refreshments were served.

Nes Patterson is home from Salt Lake, having resigned his position in the baggage department of the O. S. L. on account of the levy of pretty Mormon girls following him around all the time. Nes says "there is only one girl for me," and she lives in Ontario.

D. H. Ashton and wife, of Huntington, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Fox this week. Mr. Ashton is one of the O. S. L. engineers, and has charge of the Snake river and Vale extensions of the Short Line. Mrs. Ashton is an old acquaintance of Mrs. Fox.

Wilson-Duffy Co. for all kinds of drugs.

## WHAT OUR STATE NEEDS

### "Shelve the Peanut Politicians" Says Bill Hanley, and the State Will Prosper.

William Hanley arrived in Ontario Tuesday from his Harney valley ranches, accompanied by W. L. Mathews and H. L. Corbett, of Portland. Mr. Hanley stated that the reported sale of the Donner and Blitzen ranch is without foundation and that his company is going ahead with the drainage canal and other improvements on the place. He also stated that they were preparing for the rush of new settlers and would have their ranches ready to cut up into suitable tracts for small farms.

When asked what he considered the greatest need of the state, he replied along the following lines:

"Oregon needs a successful, representative business man to head the state government."

"What would be thought of any ordinary business managed by third raters? They could only hope to receive third rate consideration, their credit would be third rate and the leading men of their lines would not consider them."

"It is just the same with a

state. In order to receive the recognition of the people of the nation worth while, the state should have as governor a successful business man, one who would command the respect and consideration of the financiers and business men.

"The state has not had a business man in the governors chair and receives little consideration in eastern financial circles, and that is one great reason why the state has been passed up by the railroads."

"When the people quit peanut politics and politicians, organize along business lines, then the state will be given some consideration."

"Even the notional government has ignored Oregon in the distribution of moneys due her from the reclamation fund and for no other reason than that the men who were elected to represent the state were either in jail or under indictment for offenses against said government. Surely it is time for Oregon to awaken to her opportunities and necessities."

### Ontario Boys Win

The Ontario high school football eleven played with Boise high school boys on Saturday and won by a score of 12 to 6.

The Ontario boys won the unstinted praise of the Boise press, getting especial mention for the fast playing and team work.

Quarterback Harmon, Fisher, Moody and Williams, the half backs and full backs are given credit for being the speediest seen on the Boise grounds this season. They were in every play and gave an excellent demonstration of line backing and getting away on end runs.

### Grand Army Lecture

The lecture delivered Wednesday evening at the M. E. church by Col. Jas. P. Shaw, of Portland, department commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, was listened to by an appreciative audience.

Patriotism, the subject of the lecture, is a theme always interesting to both young and old and was well handled by the Colonel. The lecturer pointed out that it was not alone the preservation of the Union for which the old soldier should be honored, but to him, and him alone, is due many of the blessings enjoyed today by the people of our glorious country. Instead of the republic, had those who fought to destroy the union been successful, a confederacy, set up in the south, with an oligarchy form of government with human slavery as its corner stone and a high tariff wall dividing the north and south. Not only that but there might, and no doubt would be, sooner or later, a republic upon the Pacific side of the continent.

It is along these lines that the lecturer dwelt in his very interesting talk, and it is regrettable that more of our citizens could not have been present to hear him.

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### The Stock Business

E. B. Ball shipped thirty cars of beef cattle to Seattle this week.

Captain Wm. H. Tobin and Dr. H. S. Weeks, representatives of our Uncle Sam, received 31 horses for service in the Philippine cavalry in Ontario this week. Some of the equines were not gentle and gave an exhibition of bucking that was greatly enjoyed by a large number of spectators.

About two thousand head of cattle are being fed in the yards around Ontario this season. Last season over ten thousand head were fed here. The high price of hay and the unsatisfactory condition of the Portland market are some of the causes of the decrease.

The Portland cattle market is still off and the shippers are getting the worst of it. Some day the shippers will get together and know in advance just how many cars are going to be marketed each week and avoid the over crowding of the market. At present the shippers are at the mercy of the buyers.

### Some Oil Gossip

T. W. Davidson was in Ontario Saturday and reports that he is nearly ready to start drilling another well. At present he is operating the Mammoth and Eastern Oregon and is confident that oil will soon be flowing.

The work at the Ontario well is going along in a gratifying manner. Alonzo Fisher, the expert driller in charge, is keeping things moving. Mr. Fisher has great confidence in the Malheur oil fields and says he will undoubtedly strike the oil.

CALIFORNIA EXCURSIONS via Oregon Short Line. Daily for tickets one way via Portland. Frequent dates for other routes. See Oregon Short Line agents for further details.

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### NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the assessment for the year 1909 of the Snake River Irrigation District, Malheur County, Oregon, is now due and payable, and will become delinquent at 6 o'clock p. m. on the 31st day of December, 1909. Five per cent penalty will be added on all taxes of said district remaining unpaid at said date of delinquency. Payment of said taxes may be made at the office of the sheriff of Malheur county, at Vale, Oregon.

Ross O. McL. Collector.  
Snake River Irrigation District.

To Trade—50 acre relinquishment, two miles from Payette, on county road, for a good, large span of horses, broke or unbroke; 70 acres tillable; good chance for water from high line ditch. Inquire at this office.